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- 10. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to take each audio clip from a predetermined portion of its associated audio data file that is selectable by the user.
- 11. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to take each audio clip from a portion of its associated audio data file according to an audio clip parameter of an associated data tag of the audio data file.
- 12. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to take each audio clip from a portion of its associated audio data file depending on a genre characteristic of the audio data file.
- 13. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to play each audio clip for a predetermined duration.
- 14. (original) The digital audio data player of claim 8, wherein the controller is operative to continue to play each audio clip until the user selects to add or not add the associated audio data file corresponding to the currently playing audio clip to the playlist.
- 15. (previously presented) In a digital audio data player, a method of compiling a playlist of digital audio data files, comprising the steps of:

allowing a user to select a plurality of audio data files for potential inclusion in the playlist;

allowing the user to determine which of the selected audio data files will be included in the playlist by sequentially playing an audio clip from each one of the selected plurality of audio data files and detecting whether a user input is received while each audio clip is being played; and

populating the playlist with identifying data for the audio data file associated with a first audio clip in response to detecting the user input while the first audio clip is being played.

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- 16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of allowing user selection of one of a plurality of playlists to which to include the identifying data.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is taken from a predetermined portion of its associated audio data file selectable by the user.
- 18. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is taken from a portion of its associated audio data file according to an audio clip parameter of an associated data tag of the audio data file.
- 19. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is taken from a portion of its associated audio data file depending on a genre characteristic of the audio data file.
- 20. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip is played for a predetermined duration selectable by the user.
- 21. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein each audio clip continues to be played until the user selects to add or not add the associated audio data file corresponding to the currently playing audio clip to the playlist.